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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Matthew Baker et al.)
Application No. 10/561,097)
Filed: December 16, 2005) Group Art Unit: 1647
For: THROMBOPOIETIN PROTEINS)
WITH IMPROVED PROPERTIES)
Examiner: Lorraine Spector, Ph.D.) Attorney Docket No. MER-141

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 16 July 2008 on the above-identified application. Kindly amend this application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this document.

Submitted herewith is a Petition for a one-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fee therefor.

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